inner surface of bore 262--.

Page 23, line 3, after "Douglas W. Dickinson, Jr.", insert--now U.S. Patent No. 4,850,351--; and

Line 13, change "60" to--260--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-~~10~~ 43.

Kindly add the following new Claims:

~~44~~ ~~71~~. A method of performing a surgical procedure for the removal or repair of biological tissue comprising the steps of:

generating a laser beam having a wavelength of between 1.4 and 2.2 microns;

directing the beam into one end of a fiber optic cable, with the other end of the fiber optic cable defining the delivery end thereof;

positioning the delivery end of the fiber optic cable at the surgical site; and

irrigating the surgical site with a liquid medium.

~~45~~ ~~72~~. A method as recited in Claim ~~71~~ 44 wherein the laser beam is generated by a Ho:YAG laser.

~~46~~ ~~73~~. A method as recited in Claim ~~71~~ 44 wherein the laser beam is generated by a Ho:YLF laser.

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~~74~~. A method as recited in Claim ~~71~~ wherein the fiber optic cable is a ~~low-OH,~~ silica optic fiber.

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~~75~~. A ~~method~~ as recited in Claim ~~71~~ wherein the delivery end of the fiber optic ~~cable~~ is threaded through and supported by a fitting.

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~~76~~. A method of performing a surgical procedure for the removal or repair of biological tissue comprising the steps of:

generating a laser beam having a wavelength of between 1.4 and 2.2 microns;

directing the beam into one end of a fiber optic cable, with the other end of the fiber optic cable defining the delivery end thereof;

positioning the delivery end of the fiber optic cable adjacent the tissue to be removed or repaired by the laser beam; and

irrigating the tissue with a liquid medium.

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.607, applicant hereby seeks to have an interference declared between the above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 5,037,421. A proposed count reads as follows: